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SUMMARY: ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WANG HUNG-WEN IN HIS AUGUST 24 SPEECH TO

THE PARTY CONGRESS SEEMED TO STAKE OUT A POSITION SOMEWHERE TO THE LEFT OF CHOU EN-LAI. IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT, WANG, NOW RANKED THIRD IN THE CHINESE PARTY, EQUATED US AND SOVIET THREATS, LEANED SOMEWHAT MORE TO IDEOLOGICAL CATEGORIES IN DEFINING CHINESE INTERNATIONAL GOALS, BUT STRESSED AVOIDANCE OF ARROGANT CLAIMS TO WORLD LEADERSHIP. END SUMMARY

1. MOST STRIKING WAS WANG'S INCLUSION OF US "IMPERIALISM" ALONG WITH SOVIET "SOCIAL IMPERIALISM" AS THE SOURCE OF POSSIBLE "SURPRISE ATTACKS" AGAINST CHINA. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CONGRESS COMMUNIQUE AS WELL AS CHOU'S REPORT REFERRED ONLY TO THE SOVIETS. LIKEWISE, WANG UNLIKE CHOU EQUATED THE DANGER OF IMPERIALIST AND SOCIAL IMPERIALIST-FOSTERED SUBVERSION WITHIN THE PARTY. WANG THUS GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US STILL POSES MORE OF A THREAT TO CHINA THAN CHOU PROJECTS IN HIS STATEMENTS.

2. WHEREAS CHOU INDICATED THAT CHINA'S MAIN FOREIGN POLICY GOAL WAS TO EXPAND ITS STATE TIES AS BROADLY AS POSSIBLE, WANG FAVORED IDEOLOGICAL TERMS WHICH HINTED AT A SOMEWHAT GREATER ORIENTATION TO ULTIMATE REVOLUTIONARY ENDS. IN LANGUAGE CLOSE TO THAT EMPLOYED IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION, CHOU CALLED UPON THE PARTY TO STRENGTHEN ITS "UNITY WITH THE PROLETARIATE AND THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE AND NATIONS OF THE WHOLE WORLD AND WITH ALL COUNTRIES" SUBJECTED TO IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION, SUBVERSION, ETC. WANG ON THE OTHER HAND PROCLAIMED THAT THE PARTY WOULD "STAND TOGETHER WITH THE PROLETARIATE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO OPPOSE IMPERIALISM, ETC..." WANG HOWEVER DID NOT REFER TO THE TASK OF OVERTHROWING "REACTION" MUCH LESS OF OVERTHROWING "REACTIONARY FORCES OF ALL COUNTRIES." (THE FORMER PHRASE IS USED IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION, THE LATTER IN THE 1969 CONSTITUTION.)

3. WANG ALSO DEVOTED MOST OF HIS SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO THE PROBLEM OF "GREAT POWER CHAUVINISM," A SUBJECT WHICH IS MENTIONED IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION. HE WARNED AGAINST SEEKING HEGEMONY AND BEING "CONCEITED" AND "COCKY," APPARENTLY UNDERSCORING HIS OPPOSITION TO THE PARTY'S UNIVERSAL PRETENSIONS AND VERBALLY-OPEN INTERVENTIONIST POLICIES OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION PERIOD. HIS REJECTION OF THE POLARIZATION POLICIES OF THE 1960'S IS ALSO SUGGESTED BY HIS FAILURE TO MENTION "GENUINE MARXIST-LENINIST" (PRO-PEKING) PARTIES.

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